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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2002, please amendathe above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 4, 5 and 9-12 are canceled. Claim 1 is amended. A clean version of all pending claims is provided herewith in Attachment A. It will be noted that claim 1 has been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being "unpatentable over" a newly cited Combs et al patent in view of a newly cited Wissenbach et al patent. The claims have been amended to more clearly define over the references cited and method claims 9-12 have been canceled.

As set forth in the introductory portions of this application, the present invention is concerned with a recorded device that provides easy, low cost, continuous readout and recording of flow volumes in open channel flow measurement operations upstream of flumes or weirs. The invention has broad application to thousands of water diversions